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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

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Top Crops, 1968

Total U.S. crop production and yield per acre in 1968 averaged record high; major crops contributing were:

Food Grains, (wheat, rye, rice) totaled 53 million tons, 4 percent above 1967 and nearly a third above average.

Winter Wheat totaled 1,229 million bushels, 2 percent above 1967, and 27 percent above average.

Durum Wheat totaled 97.7 million bushels, 47 percent above 1967.

All Wheat was 48 million bushels above the 1967 high. The 1968 crop totaled 1,570 million, and was 341 million bushels above average.

Statistical Series of Interest to Agriculture

Item	1967		1968		
	Nov.	Year Average	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Millions of persons					
Nonfarm employment, (civilian) ¹ ..	71.5	70.5	72.1	72.6	73.0
Farm employment.....	4.5	4.9	5.6	5.3	4.4
Family.....	3.5	3.6	4.0	4.0	3.4
Hired.....	1.0	1.3	1.6	1.3	1.0
Index number (1957-59 = 100)					
Industrial production ²	160	158	165	166	167
Total personal income payments ³	177	172	192	192	194
Weekly factory earnings ⁴	160	154	175	174	175
Average earnings of factory workers, per worker ⁴	140	136	149	149	150
All commodities.....	106	106	109	109	110
Farm commodities.....	96	100	103	101	103
Food, processed.....	111	112	115	114	115
Consumer price index ⁴	118	116	122	123	--
Food.....	116	115	120	121	--
Index numbers (1910-14 = 100)					
Prices received by farmers.....	251	253	267	262	262
Crops.....	228	224	230	228	227
Food grains.....	168	177	150	155	159
Feed grains and hay.....	154	174	151	148	156
Cotton.....	257	191	222	224	204
Tobacco.....	557	555	577	570	570
Oil bearing crops.....	261	276	254	250	254
Fruit.....	249	225	347	326	279
Commercial vegetables.....	284	284	272	275	318
Livestock and products.....	270	277	299	291	292
Meat animals.....	317	336	352	340	337
Dairy products.....	322	305	329	335	340
Poultry and eggs.....	123	132	165	148	154
Prices paid by farmers.....					
All commodities.....	302	302	311	312	314
Used in living.....	325	322	338	339	341
Used in production.....	286	287	292	292	294
Commodities, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index)	343	342	355	358	359
Farm wage rates, seasonally adjusted.....	882	848	922	964	964
Parity ratio (prices received to parity index).....	73	74	75	73	73
Adjusted parity.....	78	79	81	79	79

¹Bureau of the Census, ²Federal Reserve Board, ³Department of Commerce, ⁴Bureau of Labor Statistics - omitted if unavailable at press time.

Rice at 105.3 million hundredweight was 18 percent above 1967. The gain was due to increased acreage. Yields decreased, breaking a 6-year chain of advances.

Soybeans at 1,080 million bushels, were 11 percent above 1967 and 40 percent above average.

Peanuts totaled 2,528 million pounds (net), 2 percent above 1967.

Sugarbeet tonnage totaled 25.4 million--32 percent above 1967 and 9 percent above the prior record in 1964.

Annual Calendar of Reports

NOTE: The annual Calendar of Reports of the CROP REPORTING BOARD, reproduced in this issue, displaces tables that will be continued in the next issue. Copies of current tables not shown, "Cash Receipts from Farm Marketings By States," and "Farm-Retail Price Spreads," can be had by postcard request to the Editor. The December table of Production Indexes will be published in the January issue.

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for annual Calendar of monthly and seasonal
Crop Reports by the Crop Reporting Board

Prices of Farm Products

Commodity	Average Prices Received by Farmers		Parity Prices Based on Data for Nov, 1968
	Oct. 1963	Nov. 1968	
Basic commodities:			
Cotton, Amer. upland (lb.)..... ct.	26.51	24.16	45.16
Wheat (bu.)..... dol.	1.26	1.29	2.67
Rice (cwt.)..... dol.	4.92	5.09	7.00
Corn (bu.)..... dol.	.962	1.04	1.67
Peanuts (lb.) ct.	12.1	11.9	15.7
Designated nonbasic commodities:			
Milkfat in cream (lb.)..... ct.	.675	67.1	89.0
Milk, wholesale (cwt.)..... dol.	5.62	5.67	6.21
Wool (lb.)..... ct.	40.5	40.7	90.1
Other nonbasic commodities:			
Barley (bu.) dol.	.881	.891	1.37
Cottonseed (ton)..... dol.	50.50	50.50	70.40
Flaxseed (bu.) dol.	2.81	2.79	4.09
Hay, baled (ton)..... dol.	21.80	22.30	1
Oats (bu.)..... dol.	.582	.603	.905
Potatoes (cwt.)..... dol.	2.04	1.98	2.92
Rye (bu.)..... dol.	1.05	1.05	1.43
Sorghum, grain (cwt.)..... dol.	1.60	1.68	2.67
Soybeans (bu.)..... dol.	2.32	2.40	3.45
Sweetpotatoes (cwt.) dol.	4.34	4.92	7.00
Oranges, on tree (box) dol.	3.67	2.34	3.66
Apples, for fresh use (lb.)... ct.	7.34	8.12	8.08
Beef cattle (cwt.) dol.	23.10	23.00	30.00
Calves (cwt.) dol.	27.30	27.50	34.90
Hogs (cwt.) dol.	17.90	17.50	25.10
Lambs (cwt.)..... dol.	24.20	24.60	29.20
Chickens, all (lb.) ct.	12.2	12.9	21.1
Eggs (dozen)..... ct.	37.6	38.8	49.9

¹ Unpublished ² Preliminary ³ Does not include incentive payment



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1969 Calendar of Statistical Reports

U. S. Crop Reporting Board

LOCK-UP REPORTS

Cranberry Production - 1:00 P. M.
All Other Listed Reports - 3:00 P. M.

DAY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
1	Holiday	Saturday	Saturday	Poultry Slaughter & Processing	Fruits, Non-Citrus-Prod., Use & Value, Part I*	Sunday	Poultry Slaughter & Processing; Fruits, Non-Citrus-Prod., Use & Value, Part II*	Tree Nuts-Prod., Use & Value	Holiday	Egg Products; Poultry Slaughter & Processing	Saturday	
2		Sunday	Sunday	Egg Products; Turkey-Prod., Disp. & Gross Income	Field & Seed Crops-Prod., Disp. & Value		Egg Products	Saturday		Citrus Fruits-Prod., Use & Value	Sunday	Apples by Varieties
3	Poultry Slaughter & Processing		Chickens & Eggs-Layers, Potential		Saturday			Sunday	Poultry Slaughter & Processing			Poultry Slaughter & Processing
4	Saturday	Celery Report	Lay & Egg Prod.; Poultry Slaughter & Processing; Celery Report	Celery Report	Sunday	Celery Report	Holiday	Celery Report	Egg Products; Celery Report	Saturday	Celery Report	Egg Products; Celery Report
5	Sunday		Egg Products	Saturday	Celery Report		Saturday	Field Seed Stocks		Sunday		
6	Egg Products; Celery Report		Com. Broilers-An. Prod.; Weekly Placements-1968	Sunday			Sunday	Potato & Sweet-potato Disp.	Saturday	Celery Report		Saturday
7		Veg.-Fresh Market	Veg.-Fresh Market; Veg.-Processing			Saturday	Celery Report	Crimson Clover(O) & Stocks of Ryegrass Seed	Sunday		Veg.-Fresh Market; Veg.-Processing	Sunday
8	Veg.-Fresh Market; Veg.-Processing	Saturday	Saturday	Veg.-Fresh Market; Veg.-Processing		Sunday	Cotton Production; Veg.-Fresh Market; Veg.-Processing	Cotton Production; Veg.-Fresh Market; Veg.-Processing	Cotton Production; Veg.-Fresh Market; Veg.-Processing	Cotton Production; Veg.-Fresh Market; Veg.-Processing	Saturday	Cotton Production; Veg.-Fresh Market
9		Sunday	Sunday		Crop Production; Farm Labor	Veg.-Fresh Market; Veg.-Processing		Saturday	Potato Utilization	Red Clover Seed	Sunday	
10	Crop Production; Farm Labor; Number of Farms & Land in Farms	Crop Production; Farm Labor	Crop Production; Farm Labor	Crop Production; Farm Labor	Saturday	Crop Production; Farm Labor	Crop Production; Farm Labor	Sunday	Crop Production; Farm Labor	Crop Production; Farm Labor	Cotton Production	Crop Production; Farm Labor
11	Saturday		Milk Production	Range & Livestock; Milk Production	Sunday	Range & Livestock; Milk Production	Milk Production; Tall Fescue (South.Stc.) Seeds	Crop Production; Farm Labor	Milk Production; Chawings & Red Fescue Seeds	Saturday	Holiday	Range & Livestock; Milk Production
12	Sunday	Livestock & Poultry Inventory; Range & Livestock; Potato Stocks; Milk Production (Incl.Rev., 1968)	Range & Livestock; Potato Stocks	Saturday	Range & Livestock; Milk Production		Saturday	Milk Production	Cattle & Calves on Feed; Range & Livestock	Sunday	Crop Production; Farm Labor	Cattle & Calves on Feed; Potato Stocks
13	Range & Livestock; Milk Production; Potato Stocks	Cattle & Calves on Feed	Cattle & Calves on Feed; Sheep & Lambs on Feed, Mar. 1 & Early Lamb Crop; Hatchery Prod. (Incl. Rev.)	Sunday	Cattle & Calves on Feed	Cattle & Calves on Feed; Blue Stem & Bouage Pastures		Sunday	Range & Livestock; Cattle & Calves on Feed	Saturday	Milk Production	Cattle & Calves on Feed; Range & Livestock; Milk Production
14		Pullet Chicks for Broiler Hatch; Supply Flocks; Hatchery Prod.	Prospective Plantings; Pullet Chicks for Broiler Hatch; Supply Flocks	Wool & Mohair Prod. & Value		Saturday	Range & Livestock	Tall Fescue(West. Stc.) Seed; Early Vetch Seed	Sunday	Range & Livestock		Sheep & Lambs on Feed, Nov. 1; Pullet Chicks for Broiler Hatch; Supply Flocks; Hatchery Prod.
15	Sheep & Lambs on Feed, Jan. 1; Pullet Chicks for Broiler Hatch; Supply Flocks	Saturday	Saturday	Cold Storage	Pullet Chicks for Broiler Hatch; Supply Flocks; Cold Storage	Sunday	Bluegrass Seed Condition	Pullet Chicks for Broiler Hatch; Supply Flocks; Hatchery Prod.; Cold Storage		Pullet Chicks for Broiler Hatch; Supply Flocks; Peanut Stocks & Proc.-Seas. Rpt.	Saturday	Cold Storage
16	Hatchery Prod.; Cold Storage; Onion Stocks	Sunday	Sunday	Pullet Chicks for Broiler Hatch; Supply Flocks; Hatchery Prod. (1968 Rev.); Flowers & Pollage Plants	Hatchery Prod.; Naval Stores-1968 Annual Summary	Pullet Chicks for Broiler Hatch; Supply Flocks; Cold Storage	Pullet Chicks for Broiler Hatch; Supply Flocks; Hatchery Prod.; Cold Storage	Saturday	Pullet Chicks for Broiler Hatch; Supply Flocks; Cold Storage	Hatchery Prod.; Cold Storage	Sunday	Pullet Chicks for Broiler Hatch; Supply Flocks
17	Cattle & Calves on Feed (Incl. Quarterly Rev.); Turkeys & Chickens Tested; Naval Stores	Cold Storage	Cold Storage	Cattle & Calves on Feed	Saturday	Hatchery Prod.	Cattle & Calves on Feed	Sunday	Hatchery Prod.	Cattle & Calves on Feed; Naval Stores; Alfalfa Seed	Cold Storage	Hatchery Prod.
18	Saturday	Naval Stores	Naval Stores	Turkeys & Chickens Tested; Naval Stores; Veg.-Processing	Sunday	Naval Stores	Turkeys & Chickens Tested; Naval Stores	Naval Stores	Turkey Breeder Sex Intentions; Naval Stores	Saturday	Naval Stores	Naval Stores; An. Summary-Veg. Fresh Market & Processing
19	Sunday	Turkeys & Chickens Tested	Turkeys & Chickens Tested; Hog Stocks	Saturday	Turkeys & Chickens Tested; Naval Stores; Veg.-Processing	Turkeys & Chickens Tested	Saturday	Turkeys & Chickens Tested; Cranberries Prod.; Veg. Seed Stocks	Hogs and Pigs; Turkeys & Chickens Tested; Bentgrass Seed; Hog Stocks	Sunday	Turkeys & Chickens Tested	An. Summary; Turkeys & Chickens Tested; An. Sum. of Seeds (Incl. Supply & Disappearance)
20		Calf Crop; Fluid Milk & Cream	Veg. Seed Acreage & Production; Fluid Milk & Cream	Sunday	Fluid Milk & Cream	Part Cherry Prod.; Veg.-Processing; Fluid Milk & Cream	Sunday	Fluid Milk & Cream	Saturday	Fluid Milk & Cream	Fluid Milk & Cream	Saturday
21	Honey, 1969 Annual Summary; Fluid Milk & Cream	Holiday	Hogs & Pigs; Ryegrass Seed Intentions	Chickens & Eggs, Incl. Broilers-Prod., Disp. & Income; Fluid Milk & Cream		Saturday	Veg.-Processing; Fluid Milk & Cream		Sunday	Turkeys & Chickens Tested		Sunday
22		Saturday	Saturday			Sunday	Calf Crop	Timothy Seed; Mushroom Prod.	Fluid Milk & Cream		Saturday	Fluid Milk & Cream
23		Sunday	Sunday	Milk Production, Disp. & Income	Peanut Stocks & Processing			Saturday		Peanut Stocks & Processing	Sunday	Winter Wheat & Rye Seedings; Crop Values-Seas. Av. Price & Value; Hogs & Pigs
24	Shipments of Stocker & Feeder Cattle & Sheep-Incl. Monthly Rev. 1969; Peanut Stocks & Processing	Lamb Crop, 1969; Manufactured Dairy Products Summary, 1968	Regional Cold Storage Holdings	Peanut Stocks & Processing	Saturday	Hogs & Pigs; Crimson Clover (Southern Stc.) Seed; Peanut Stocks & Processing	Honey-Colonies of Bees, July 1; Peanut Stocks & Processing; Stocks of Grains in All Positions	Sunday	Wheat Pasture; Stocks of Soybeans in All Positions	Wheat Pasture; Stocks of Grains in All Positions (Exc. Soybeans); Rice Stocks		Wheat Pasture; Peanut Stocks & Processing
25	Saturday	Peanut Stocks & Processing	Peanut Stocks & Processing	Meat Animals - Parc Prod., Disp. & Income; Shipments of Stocker & Feeder Cattle & Sheep	Sunday		Shipments of Stocker & Feeder Cattle & Sheep	Turkeys Raised; Peanut Stocks & Processing	Bluegrass Seeds; Peanut Stocks & Processing	Saturday	Wheat Pasture; Peanut Stocks & Processing	Holiday
26	Sunday	Shipments of Stocker & Feeder Cattle & Sheep	Saturday	Shipments of Stocker & Feeder Cattle & Sheep	Shipments of Stocker & Feeder Cattle & Sheep	Saturday	Shipments of Stocker & Feeder Cattle & Sheep	Shipments of Stocker & Feeder Cattle & Sheep	Shipments of Stocker & Feeder Cattle & Sheep; Ladino & White Clover Seeds	Sunday	Shipments of Stocker & Feeder Cattle & Sheep; Livestock Slaughter & Meat Prod.	
27	Turkeys Raised 1969, and Intentions, 1969	Shipments of Stocker & Feeder Cattle & Sheep; Evap., Condensed & Dry Milk; Livestock Slaughter & Meat Prod.	Sunday	Sunday	Poultry Slaughter & Processing	Livestock Slaughter & Meat Prod.	Sunday	Sunday	Saturday	Consumption of Com. Fertilizer; Shipments of Stocker & Feeder Cattle & Sheep	Holiday	Saturday
28	Poultry Slaughter & Processing	Agri'l. Prices	Livestock Slaughter & Meat Prod.	Livestock Slaughter & Meat Prod.; Livest. Slaughter-Com. Slaughter-Com. Meat & Lard Prod., Farm & Total Slaughter	Egg Products; Livestock Slaughter & Meat Prod.	Saturday	Lamb Crop, 1969; Shorn Wool Prod.	Evap., Condensed & Dry Milk; Livestock Slaughter & Meat Prod.	Sunday	Poultry Slaughter & Processing	Agri'l. Prices; Evap., Condensed & Dry Milk	Sunday
29	Egg Products; Livestock Slaughter & Meat Prod.	Saturday	Agri'l. Prices; Evap., Condensed & Dry Milk	Agri'l. Prices; Evap., Condensed & Dry Milk	Sunday	Agri'l. Prices; Evap., Condensed & Dry Milk	Poultry Slaughter & Processing; Livestock Slaughter & Meat Prod.	Agri'l. Prices; Rice Stocks	Livestock Slaughter & Meat Prod.	Egg Products; Livestock Slaughter & Meat Prod.	Saturday	Shipments of Stocker & Feeder Cattle & Sheep
30	Agri'l. Prices	Sunday	Sunday	Egg Products; Evap., Condensed & Dry Milk	Holiday	Agri'l. Prices; Evap., Condensed & Dry Milk	Agri'l. Prices; Evap., Condensed & Dry Milk	Saturday	Agri'l. Prices; Evap., Condensed & Dry Milk	Agri'l. Prices; Evap., Condensed & Dry Milk	Sunday	Livestock Slaughter & Meat Prod.
31	Evap., Condensed & Dry Milk	Agri'l. Prices; Evap., Condensed & Dry Milk	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Agri'l. Prices; Evap., Condensed & Dry Milk

* Part I - Apples, Bush Berries, Cherries, Pigs, Grapes, Hectarines, Peaches, Pears, Peralmons, Plums, Pomegranates, Prunes.
Part II - Apples, Avocados, Cranberries, Dates, Olives.

Livestock and Livestock Products

Item	Unit	Jan.-Oct. 1967	Jan.-Oct. 1968
Dairy Production			
		Millions	
Milk	pounds	¹ 109,995	¹ 108,591
Evaporated whole milk	"	1,318.3	1,160.2
Dry Nonfat milk solids (for human food)	"	1,458.6	1,403.9
Butter, creamery	"	1,047.4	1,001.6
Cheese, American	"	1,104.6	1,113.2
Ice Cream	gallons	643.5	675.7
Poultry Production			
Eggs	--	¹ 64,200	¹ 63,632
Federally inspected slaughter ²			
Chickens	pounds	5,427.3	5,421.0
Turkeys	"	1,209.5	1,048.0
Poultry used for further processing	"	795.6	899.0
Liquid egg	"	707.3	603.5
Dried egg (egg solids)	"	62.3	59.8
Frozen egg	"	384.1	320.8
Meat Production (dressed weight) ³			
Beef	"	16,781	17,371
Veal	"	631	579
Pork	"	10,139	10,568
Lamb and mutton	"	537	501
Total red meat	"	28,088	29,019

¹ January-Nov. ² Ready-to-cook, ³ Commercial excludes farm slaughter, ⁴ Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

Cash Receipts From Farming and Index of Volume of Farm Marketings, United States ¹

Item	January - October		November	
	1967	1968	1967	1968
CASH RECEIPTS				
Total marketings and CCC loans ²	Millions of dollars			
Livestock and products	34,071	34,897	4,699	4,900
Meat animals	20,398	21,241	2,059	2,200
Dairy products	12,242	12,893		
Poultry and eggs	4,811	4,968		
Other	3,030	3,098		
	315	282		
Crops	13,673	13,656	2,640	2,700
Food grains	2,224	2,059		
Feed crops	3,264	3,015		
Cotton (lint and seed) ..	476	720		
Tobacco	939	762		
Oil-bearing crops	1,915	1,811		
Vegetables	2,303	2,430		
Fruits and tree nuts ...	1,330	1,631		
Other	1,222	1,228		
Government payments ..	2,965	3,400		
Grand total	37,036	38,297		
VOLUME OF FARM MARKETINGS:				
	(1957-59 = 100)			
All commodities	118	119	170	174
Livestock and products ..	123	124	131	128
Crops	111	113	224	236

¹ Estimates as of the first of current month. Latest revised data by months appear in the Farm Income Situation issued four times a year. Revised year-earlier data are released in the Statistical Summary, July. ² Sales of farm products include receipts from loans reported minus value of redemptions during the period. Rounded data may not add.

Less Acreage Seeded for 1969 Winter Wheat

Seedings of winter wheat in the fall of 1968, for harvest in 1969, totaled 43 million acres, 13 percent less than for the 1968 crop, and 6 percent below average. The acreage allotment for all wheat was reduced 13 percent to 51.6 million acres for the 1969 crop. Acreage diversion payments will be offered to growers for the 1969 crop but were not offered in the two previous crop years.

Planted acreage declined from a year earlier in all major winter wheat producing States. No

State had increased acreage, and only two of the minor producing States, Arizona and Iowa, planted more. Largest percentages of decline were in the Southern Great Plains, South Central, East North Central and Atlantic Regions.

A 7-percent above average crop of winter is expected for 1969 totaling 1,115 million bushels, based on conditions as of December 1. It would be 9 percent less than the high record set this year.

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